

CLEAN STEAL OF HOME PLATE BY CARD STAR CHECKS WINNING STREAK OF THE PHILLIES

PAULETTE, CASTOFF BY BROWNS, PLAYS AN IMPORTANT PART IN THE VICTORY OF CARDS OVER PHILLIES

His Double Proved Timely and His Steal of Home Fatal to Morans—Gavvy Has Chances to Deliver But Fails

THE Phils fell back another lap in the chase for the National League flag. The Cards were the victors yesterday in a game in which the Phils twice looked like sure winners. Even after the St. Louis aggregation took the lead in the seventh the Morans had opportunities to move to the front, but the punch was not there and the game went the wrong way, the Phils losing their first game in seven starts.

In the fifth frame, with Stock on third and two gone, Gavvy indignantly shot the ball in the air, Gonzales snaring the skyscraper. In the seventh, with the bases populated and one gone, he popped feebly to Hornsby at shortstop. In the ninth, with two gone and the tying run on third, he ended the game by rolling an easy one to Miller. Moran never quit and never believed the game gone until the last man had expired. He used four pitchers, exercised two pinch hitters and one pinch runner.

AGAIN we hear of Chief Bender. His record now is five games in seven days. He has taken part in two regulation contests and has served as pinch pitcher on three occasions. Yesterday he toiled in the ninth frame and only three men faced him. He has been in the last four games the Phils have played, working last Friday, Saturday, Monday and yesterday. And yet some said the Chief was through.

\$50,000 Offer May Coax Jess to Box

REPORTS from the West would indicate that Jess Willard has been much impressed by the offer made him by Matt Hinkle. The Cleveland promoter recently offered Willard \$50,000 to box the winner of the Carl Morris-Fred Fulton bout.

The \$50,000 looks pretty big to Willard. It is more than he has been offered for a fight in some time. Furthermore, Willard has a great deal of faith in Hinkle, and an offer from him is likely to have more weight with the champion than a bigger offer would have if it came from some one else.

Willard has announced that he will not fight for Jim Coffroth under any circumstances. Coffroth was anxious to sign the champion to box the winner of the Morris-Fulton bout and wanted to stage the fight at the Tia Juana race track in Southern California. For a time it seemed as if he might succeed in landing the match, but Willard has put the quietus on any further efforts Coffroth might have made to land the match by saying he would not fight for Coffroth.

The friction between Coffroth and Willard dates back to 1913. Coffroth promoted a heavyweight tournament in California, and it will be recalled that Willard was called upon to fight Gunboat Smith twenty rounds. Smith was awarded the decision. Willard declares that he outfought and outboxed Smith all the way and should have been awarded the decision. He has held this against Coffroth ever since.

Champion Herman Boxes on Labor Day

WHILE waiting for action on his exemption claims to the New Orleans appeal board, bantamweight champion Peter Herman is going to engage Nate Jackson in a ten-round affair at Tulsa, Okla., on Labor Day. Pete left his home town Monday. All of his papers, affidavits, etc., have been filed with the appeal board and he says he is hopeful that the verdict of the district board in turning down his claims will be reversed. Herman is claiming exemption on the grounds that his parents will be left no source of income if he is taken to war.

Herman and his former manager, Jerome Gargano, have dissolved partnership in the business they owned, Gargano taking over Herman's interest. It is said they parted amicably but friendly. In fact, their relations have been a little strained ever since Herman was boxing in the East, where he announced very unexpectedly one day that Gargano was no longer his manager and that he had returned to his old mentor, "Red" Walsh. It is said Pete claims that he has lost some of his ring earnings in his business venture.

Walsh Said that if Herman's appeal is successful they will go from Oklahoma to Racine, Wis., to meet Pekin Kid Herman, a bantam boxer of the same ring name. Or, if Pete is not called to arms too soon, Walsh thinks it likely that he may yet meet Frankie Burns in a New Orleans ring.

Ban Made Wise Move in Forming Drills

WHEN the St. Louis Browns were visiting the city during the final week of the A's home stay we ventured the opinion that of the teams seen in the drills the Browns appeared to have an edge. The awards announced recently gave Fielder Jones's men the prize. The Mackmen came in last for the reason that there weren't any other clubs in the league, and this only goes to prove that as a judge of military drills we class as first-class baseball dopesters. We sure did favor the A's for at least second or third place.

President Johnson is entitled to a good share of praise for his patriotic endeavors during the season. Ban had the right dope in mind when he announced the clubs should adopt compulsory military training. The drills before the games have done much to stir up enthusiasm and to aid in recruiting. A bunch of ball players drilling under the command of an army officer couldn't help but bring right smack home to all of us the serious work ahead in Europe.

THE thing served as a novelty at first, but soon there was a seriousness about it that appealed to the fans and sent many of them to the enlistment places. From awkward squads every American League team has developed into a highly trained military organization, a thing which may be necessary to many of them one of these days.

Mayne McDonald, Coast Girl, Is Star Athlete

HOWARD ("NIG") BERRY, Jim Thorpe and other athletic stars had better look to their laurels. There is a new competitor in the field for all-around athletic honors, and in this instance the newcomer doesn't happen to be of the male persuasion. Tessie, "is a girl, and she hails from the faraway Pacific coast, where she has performed wonderful feats at the University of Washington.

Her name is Mayne McDonald and she is a 115-pound young lady of tender years, yet among the athletic stunts she does are included most everything worth while. She throws a baseball 190 feet, sprints a hundred yards in 12 seconds, owns a mark of 8 1/2 seconds in the fifty-yard hurdles and can put an eight-pound shot 21 feet, which is going some.

Lee Gooch Given Unconditional Release by Springfield

OUTFIELDER LEE GOOCH, who was turned over to the Springfield club of the Eastern League by Connie Mack recently, has been granted his unconditional release. Gooch was given a tryout in right field by Connie, and although he hit the pill for an average above .300, which is certainly hitting for a new man, Connie decided that Lee was too slow for his team. Gooch's number was among the first pulled in the national draft, and the uncertainty regarding his number being called is said to be the cause for his request that he be given his release.

Lee wanted to be free to go home at any time he is called, and did not want to leave the Springfield club in a bad way in case he was suddenly summoned. When the management heard of the popular fielder's predicament it was thought that it would be better under the circumstances to grant his request. Since Gooch joined the Springfield team his playing has made him one of the most popular members of the team, and the fans are sorry to see him go.

SEVERAL other members of the Springfield club were drawn in the early numbers and have passed their examinations and are expected to be called in a short time.

Wortman Likely to Be Forced Out

MUCK WORTMAN, of the Cubs, seems doomed for the mirrors or else mere utility infielding duty for the Cubs. His fielding, of the flashiest sensational kind, held him in the majors, but his hitting is too woefully weak to be considered a regular. Recently obtained from the Giants, is a far better hitter, and it wasn't for Jim Vaughn and some other club pitchers the Dodgers might get into the best division.

DAVE Davenport gave the Athletics only four hits in yesterday's game.

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ONEY, THE TENNESSEE TURMOIL, WILL ENDEAVOR TO OUST ALEX FROM PLACE AS PREMIER PITCHER

Phillies' Star Is Behind His 1916 Record and the Race Between the Two Fine Hurlers Should Be Close

By GRANTLAND RICE On Facing Fate

Far be it from me to suggest you keep grinding When Fate has bedeviled your neck; Or to say to you—"Smile"—when the other man's winning And you are three-fourths of a wreck; The system, or style, is a personal matter, With which I have nothing to do, Smile on, if you will—or get mad as a hatter, But don't let the charge break through.

"The man who can smile" has come in for the praises Of more than one dealer in junk; Perhaps I am wrong, but I hold that the phrase is A meaningless misfit of bank; For smiling or cursing won't carry you through it When Fate begins driving at you, There's only one answer—there's nothing else to it, But don't let the assault break through.

After the Big Fellow

FRED TONEY, the Tennessee Turmoil, or the Red Redoubt, will make a terrific effort to bag more victories this season than Alexander, who has led his circuit for a good many campaigns.

Alex has been attaching thirty or more victories right along, but he is in a trifle behind his old mark for late August. He is still within fairly close reach of the Red star, and the finish should be fairly well replete with fuzz. Toney, with three victories along the dotted line, expects three victories along the dotted line, expects three victories along the dotted line, expects three victories along the dotted line.

Was the ancient prophet referring to the draft when he remarked: "Many are called, but few are chosen"?

The Red Sox motto has generally been as follows: "Stick around and they'll come back to you; if they don't, go get 'em."

The Browns and Pirates are now in favor of the Government taking over the Standard of the Clubs and distributing the output to all alike. Why not?

Freak Incidents

Dear Sir—In calling your attention to the record of the Birmingham club, which scored three runs in three days and won three games, another record was overlooked. Some years ago Cincinnati journeyed to St. Louis, and in a four-game series scored but one run, while St. Louis scored eleven, yet the Reds got an even break on the series. The scores were: St. Louis, 11; Cincinnati, 0; Cincinnati, 1; St. Louis, 0; Cincinnati, 0; St. Louis, 0; Cincinnati, 0; St. Louis, 0.

Here are a few other odd achievements I gather from my slight volumes of dope: Bender one year pitched one ball in a game—and lost it. Bluejacket, with the Brookfords, did not make a single pitch, yet was officially credited with a victory. Here's another odd one: In a Scranton-Rimra game the bases were full. The Elmira pitcher threw to third and caught the runner off the bag. After considerable tossing back and forth the Elmira pitcher found himself three feet from third base, ball in hand, with three runners on third base. He lunged at the group, which scattered, and in the throwing which followed, after the smoke had cleared away, Scranton had her three runners back on first, second and third without an error charged.

Bingles and Bungles

Dope

If Boston wins the cap, I know The baseball bug will bet his dough That in the big embargo The Beantown boys will cop.

But if the White Sox get the call To battle with New York this fall The baseball bug will bet his all On Sluggs McGraw to cop.

A rabid baseball dog, you see, Runs true to inconsistency.

IN THE SPOTLIGHT TODAY—John McGraw. The National League is expected to sign him, and make him promise not to be naughty again.

Thanks to Gene Paulette, who stole home with the visiting run, the Phillies were unable to keep base on the Giants.

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COBB AND ROUSH PREMIER BATTERS

Little Likelihood Either Will Be Displaced, as Their Lead Is Big

By GRANTLAND RICE

COBB and Eddie Roush, the leading batters of the American and National Leagues, are reasonably sure today of capturing the batting championships for 1917.

Cobb is setting a terrific pace for American League sluggers, and holds a lead of thirty-one points over his closest rival, while Roush is leading his league by a margin of twenty-six points. With the close of the season a little more than four weeks away the present leaders appear to be strongly entrenched in the lead and only the worst kind of a slump by either will pave the way for rival batters to overtake them now.

At the clip Roush is traveling he will better the high figure set by Hal Chase last season. Prince Hal led the Nationals in 1916 with a final average of .329. Roush is batting .348 and may better that figure by the end of the season.

Cobb is striving to set a better mark than Tris Speaker hung up last year. The Georgia coach is hitting .336, the exact figure at which Speaker wound up the campaign last fall. Twice during the present season Cobb has reached .488, only to fall back, and although he stands a good chance of outitting the 1916 champion there is little hope now that he will reach the .400 mark.

Rival Infields

A sedate bystander desires to know which has the better infield—the White Sox or Red Sox.

Hobby and Gainer make a stronger combination than Gandil at first; Collins has a shade on Barry, but only a shade; both are short; Scott has something on Rieberg at start—enough experience to count. Gardner and Weaver are about fifty-fifty—but Gardner knows more about third-base play.

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Table with columns: Player, Club, Average. Includes Cobb, Detroit (.336), Sisler, St. Louis (.335), Speaker, Cleveland (.330), Harris, Cleveland (.311), Chapman, Cleveland (.306).

NATIONAL LEAGUE

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GUNNIS SUGGESTS ILLUMINATION CONTEST, WITH WHITE, TILLMAN OR DUNDEE AS THE ILLUMINATED

He Has Enough Scraps Under His Kelly to Keep Shibe Park Busy Long After the Snow Flies

By ROBERT W. MAXWELL

"I GOT it all fixed," panted Bobby Gunnis, as he rushed into the office this morning. "Get everything fixed, an' from now on we'll have some of th' sweetest fights in th' world as Shibe Park. I ain't no guy to talk about my own fights."

"You see, they're a guy in Chicago named White. He's a swell boxer an' everything, an' he wants to tie Leonard. Benny ain't hesitin' when White talks, so there ain't nothin' doin'. So Charley talks to White's front name—decides to lick everybody in th' world an' make Leonard fit. His manager, Nate Lewis, comes to town and me an' Nick Hayes talks to him. We get his name to th' papers, only I hold th' papers. Nick does th' talkin'. Charley is signed up to meet Leonard and Dundee at th' ball park, and it will be soon and in th' future."

"Now, here's th' idea," continued Bobby breathlessly, as he mopped his steaming brow. "White boxes a couple of bouts first, and that reminds me of something. Charley will have three fights here. I almost forgot though. He boxes Johnny Tillman a week from tonite an' then takes on Dundee. It's a nifty scheme an' it'll be a illumination contest."

"A what?" we inquired politely. "Ever Hear of Illumination Contest?"

"A illumination contest," said Bobby. "See, either White or Dundee will be illuminated an' th' winner has to tie Leonard. I'll put on that match, too."

"Now to carburete my statements," said Gunnis, as he dived into his inside pocket. "I have here in my hands th' important papers what says that White is willin' to go through. His manager's name is signed an' everything. Ain't that worth a special story?"

Bobby has the goods and he put over a clever piece of work in signing White for the three matches. Tillman and Dundee will meet the Chicago mauler, and the boxing fans in Philadelphia will have an opportunity to see the principal contender for the lightweight title in action. Charley has made quite a name for himself, and some of the critics believe he has a better chance than Dundee to take the title away from Leonard. He punches harder and his string of knockouts is a long one. He has dropped many aspiring boxers and put the finishing touches on Sam Robidoux at the National a couple of years ago. His last appearance here was with Johnny Nelson and John spent most of the time on the floor.

White Wants Crack at Leonard

White has been one of Leonard's most persistent challengers, but, to use the parlance of the ring, the champ has not given him a tumbler. He now realizes that the only way to get a crack at the title is to force Benny into a match, and that can be done only after he has cleaned up all of the good men in the lightweight division.

Leo Johnson, who claims the world's colored lightweight title, is now on the trail of Benny Leonard. During Leo's eight years of boxing he has taken part in 248 bouts and has been notified to join the new national army on September 1. Egers was to have fought at the notified Matchmaker Hanes that he will be unable to appear.

Young O'Leary, of Brooklyn, is now in good condition and ready to meet all comers at 124 to 125 pounds. During Leo's last bout, which was with Jimmy Pollock, of New York, at the age of 24, he was injured by a hand punch in the fifth round, and fought the remaining five rounds with a very heavy right hand. O'Leary had such an early lead that he was easily the winner of the bout.

Another boxer has been called to help fight in the win-up between the Sam and Der Kaiser, N. O. Eagers, of New York, and Der Kaiser, N. O. Eagers, of New York, has been notified to join the new national army on September 1. Egers was to have fought at the notified Matchmaker Hanes that he will be unable to appear.

On Friday night Philadelphia will have a chance to witness two glens in the ring at the same time. Al Wagner, of this city, will meet Young Lawrence, the Camden clown, in the win-up of the opening show of the Southern A. C.

Tommy Carey and Charley Doyle have been secured to box in the win-up of the Cambria A. C. Danny Hughes and Tommy Gorman are the principals in the semi-win-up.

Jackie Clarke, who boxed Soldier Bradford at the Ryan A. C. at Syracuse last Friday night, was arrested after the contest. Clarke was in Syracuse on a forty-eight-hour furlough from a Pennsylvania training camp, was taken to police headquarters on the charge that he had violated the rules requiring soldiers to be in uniform at night. Clarke finally was released and started back for camp.

Jim Coffey, the Dublin giant, is going to try another come-back. He has been matched to meet Bartley Madden, on Labor Day, in New York.

The American Boxing Association, which was formed a couple of years ago, and which has been unheard of since, will be revived on Saturday at a meeting of the organization in Cleveland.

Clay Turner, of St. Paul, the Indian middleweight who has been prevented from boxing several weeks owing to an attack of yellow jaundice, has started training again at Saratoga Lakes, N. Y.

Law Goodwin, the New York boxing manager, who arrived in this city a few days ago for the purpose of arranging bouts for his small army of boxers, is having the time of his life trying to make the matchmakers of the different clubs recognize him. Goodwin, who is about forty-five years of age and looks about twenty, says that unless he is recognized very soon he will grow a beard to make him look old enough to be a boxing manager.

Evening Ledger Decisions on Ring Bouts Last Night

NEW YORK—Willie Jackson defeated Joe Moore. BOSTON—Mike O'Dowd defeated Ted "Kid" Lewis.

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